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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12/8/03 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

1. 35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the language of the preamble of the claims 1 and 7 do not specify the functional descriptive language and do not specify the requisite functionality to meet the practical application requirement. In other words, the intent or purpose of "processing" data needs to produce a final, tangeable useful result or functional descriptive material (ie. encoding/decoding video data for display).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Yoshimura (7,061,936).

Regarding claim 1, Yoshimura discloses a method of processing a stream of data, comprising:

receiving a stream of data, the stream of data including a plurality of encoded symbols (fig.1, element 3b receives a stream of data to be viewed at element 2);

contemporaneously processing a first subset of the encoded symbols to identify a second subset of the encoded symbols, where each encoded symbol in the second subset uses a common coding context (fig.3, the data from a stream of video data is received, wherein the stream of video data comprises a plurality of frames, a group of frames comprises a plurality of frames, where the frames are encoded with subsets of encoded symbols);

evaluating at least one symbol from the second subset of encoded symbols to determine the common coding context for the second subset (fig.3, note the a1, b1 are the "IMPORTANT PACKET" data, and the "OTHER PACKET EXCLUDING IMPORTANT PACKET" data); and

using the common coding context to process the second subset of encoded symbols (fig.3 and 10, the use of binary code is the common context used to process the encoded symbols).

Regarding claim 2, Yoshimura discloses wherein processing the second subset of encoded symbols comprises decoding the stream of data (fig.3, note at 3b, the data is decoded).

Regarding claims 3-4, Yoshimura discloses wherein the data stream includes encoded video data (fig.3, note video frames A, B and C).

Regarding claims 5-6, Yoshimura H.264 or MPEG-4 standard encoding scheme (col.11, ln.37).

Regarding claim 7, Yoshimura discloses a method of processing a stream of data, comprising:

receiving a stream of data, the stream of data comprising a plurality of symbols to be processed (fig.1, element 3b receives a stream of data to be viewed at element 2);

contemporaneously processing a first subset of the symbols to identify a second subset of the symbols, where each symbol in the second subset uses a common coding context (fig.3, the data from a stream of video data is received, wherein the stream of video data comprises a plurality of frames, a group of frames comprises a plurality of frames, where the frames are encoded with subsets of encoded symbols);

evaluating at least one symbol from the second subset of symbols to determine the common coding context (fig.3, note the a1, b1 are the "IMPORTANT PACKET" data, and the "OTHER PACKET EXCLUDING IMPORTANT PACKET" data); and

using the common coding context to process the second subset of symbols (fig.3 and 10, the use of binary code is the common context used to process the encoded symbols).

Regarding claim 8, Yoshimura discloses wherein the processing of the second subset of symbols includes encoding the stream of data (fig.3, note at 3a, the data is encoded).

Regarding claims 9-10, Yoshimura discloses wherein the stream of data includes video data (fig.3, note video frames A, B and C).

Regarding claims 11-12, Yoshimura H.264 or MPEG-4 standard encoding scheme (col.11, ln.37).

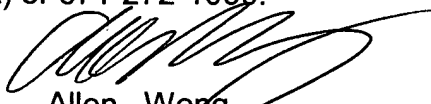
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